

I am worried about Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air propaganda against John Kerry. It seems to me that this is one of the dangers of media consolidation when a corporation that controls so many stations in one market can then have so much influence over an election.

Since Sinclair Corporation used the public airwaves free of charge, there should be some sort of obligation to serve the public. Local programming should respond to the needs and interests of the community and not be controlled by a company far away with its own political agenda.

I don't believe in censorship and I do believe that a tv station owner should have control over its programming. Sinclair's actions show me that we need to strengthen rules about the consolidation of media ownership in one market, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.